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1. THIS MESSAGE IS A SUMMARY OF THE VISIT OF CODEL SMITH TO MOSCOW THE DETAILS OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN REPORTED BY SEPARATE CABLES.

2. THE CODEL ARRIVED IN MOSCOW ON JANUARY 5 AT 4:30 P.M. AND WAS TAKEN TO THE INTOURIST HOTEL NEAR RED SQUARE. AT 7:00 P.M. MEMBERS OF THE CODEL ATTENDED THE BALLET "SPARTACUS" AT THE BOLSHOI THEATER WITH CHARGE JACK F. MATLOCK AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF. AFTER THE BALLET, A LATE SUPPER WAS HELD AT THE INTOURIST HOTEL.

3. ON JANUARY 6 AT 9:45 A. M. THERE WAS A BRIEFING BY THE CHARGE AND COUNTRY TEAM IN THE U.S. COMMERCIAL OFFICE (MOSCOW 541). MEMBERS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM WERE RAYMOND BENSON, COUNSELOR FOR PRESS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, KENNETH SKOUG, COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, CLIFFORD GROSS, COUNSELOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS, THOMAS TRACY, COUNSELOR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS, WILLIAM BROWN, COUNSELOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, EUGENE BALLARD, FBO PROJECT
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MANAGER, JACK GOSNELL, SCIENCE OFFICER, JEROME TOLSON REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER. AFTER THE BRIEFING MEMBERS OF THE CODEL WERE TAKEN IN GROUPS OF FIVE OR SIX ON A TOUR OF THE EMBASSY'S FACILITIES, INCLUDING FIRE DAMAGED AREAS AND THE SITE OF THE NEW EMBASSY COMPLEX.

4. AFTER LUNCH AT THE INTOURIST HOTEL MEMBERS OF THE CODEL

FOLLOWED SEPARATE PROGRAMS INCLUDING A VISIT BY CONGRESSMEN SMITH AND ANDREWS TO THE SUPREME SOVIET (MOSCOW 363 NOTAL TO THE CODEL IN BELGRADE) AND A PRESS CONFERENCE (MOSCOW 0274). CONGRESSMAN O'BRIEN VISITED THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (MOSCOW 0279) AND CONGRESSMAN STOKES VISITED A VOCATIONAL SCHOOL. AT 6:30 P.M. THE CHARGE HOSTED A RECEPTION FOR THE CODEL WHICH WAS WELL ATTENDED BY SOVIET OFFICIALS.

5. ON SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 7, MEMBERS OF THE CODEL SHOPPED, TOURED THE ARMORY OF THE KREMLIN AND HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH VARIOUS EMBASSY OFFICERS BEFORE DEPARTING FOR THE AIRPORT AT 12:00 NOON. DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW'S SHEREMETEVO AIRPORT WAS AT 1:30 P.M. FOR VIENNA.
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